

***Regular Meeting***  
***Recreation Commission***  
***Borough of Rumson***

February 19, 2020

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:06PM.**

- Present: Commissioners; Kerry Chandler, Chairman; Mike Cecil; Dorothy Whitehouse; and Jon Levine.

Recreation Director; Kevin Delia.

Communications and Recreation Coordinator; Eric Paone-Hurd.

Not Present: Commissioners; Adam Cavise; Michael Ingrassia; and Irene Hall; Borough Council; Laura Atwell, Council President; Rob Swikart, Councilman.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

- The minutes from the January 15<sup>th</sup> Recreation Commission meeting were presented. Motion to accept the minutes as written were approved by Kerry Chandler and seconded by Mike Cecil. All in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**GENERAL INFORMATION FROM DIRECTOR**

- Kevin Delia asked the Recreation Commission if the April 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting would be an issue due to it falling during spring break for the Rumson Public Schools. It was decided to ask at next month's meeting because we were missing 3 members from the commission at this meeting.
- No treasures report for this month because we were provided 3 months at the last meeting and the most recent report was not ready.
- Eric Paone-Hurd updated the commissioners on the improvements he made to the summer camps catalog that will allow the residents to streamline the registration process and provide the camps more details by utilizing the flyers the directors of the camps provide.
- Eric Paone-Hurd told the Recreation Commission about the start of an after school program focused on LEGO building. He said the vendor is a local business from Tinton Falls and has run camps in Fair Haven for a few years with success. He added that the camp is being held at Bingham Hall. Kevin Delia added that the camp sold out the first session and added a second session.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Kevin Delia asked the Recreation Commissioners if they had any suggestions on the updates or changes for the rules for the upcoming March Madness Basketball Tournament for the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students. It was suggested that we change “Sudden Death” to “Sudden Victory”, not to allow time-outs in overtime and to stop the clock in overtime during dead ball instances. Kevin said he would send out the rules with those changes along with the schedules and brackets.
- Kevin Delia reminded the Recreation Commissioners the dates of February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> for the Girls Lacrosse Coaches Meeting and the Baseball/Softball Coaches Meeting dates and asked those that were available to attend.
- Kevin Delia updated the Recreation Commissioners about spring registrations. He said so all programs have caught up to recent years and there is not much of a difference in any particular program division from previous years.
- Kevin Delia provided a list of summer camps to the Recreation Commissioners and asked if they would approve the list as proposed. Kerry Chandler made a motion to approve the list as provided. Jon Levine seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Kevin Delia told the Recreation Commissioners that the summer hoops program has struggled with registrations over the last couple of years and asked what they would like to do this year if it struggles even further. It was suggested that maybe we look at provided a kickball league and possibly include parents. Kevin said he would provide an update at the next meeting and we will look more in depth at future ideas and the possibility of canceling it for this summer.
- Kevin Delia and Eric Paone-Hurd explained to the Recreation Commissioners that they have started more after-school programming. Eric gave updates on the enrollment for the Snapology program that is held at Bingham Hall. Kevin Delia told the commissioners about the agreement with Mad Science to run another spring break after the success the organization had in the spring of 2019. Kevin went on to say that he had added another program to the offerings, Let’s Bloom Together. It will be a hands-on plating session held at Bingham Hall on April 30<sup>th</sup>. He said it does cost about \$400 but the Recreation Department will be pick up the costs for the entire program and make it free to the residents.
- Kevin Delia told the Recreation Commissioners that the Rumson Town Council has approved the combining of the Baseball/Softball Parade with the Memorial Day Parade. He said the hope is to get more children and families to the Memorial Day Parade as well as make the day a larger community wide event. He went on to say that the local firemen have volunteered to cook and hand out hot dogs. Dorothy Whitehouse made a motion to combine the baseball parade with the Memorial Day Parade. Kerry Chandler seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Kevin Delia told the Recreation Commission that the proposed change to the travel sports policy for age requirements didn’t make any sense to adjust. He said that by opening that door with the registration system would allow a greater amount of children to register than those few that are interested in playing up with their grade. Kevin suggested that we handle each situation as it comes ups. He added it devalues participation in recreation

sports if the idea is for kids to play with their classmates in travel sports, more specifically travel baseball. All agreed to leave the policy as is.

- Kevin Delia reminded the Recreation Commissioners that there was a Rumson Travel Soccer Club meeting scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> at Bingham Hall at 730pm. He said that Jon Levine, Travel Soccer Liaison, will be in attendance.
- Mike Cecil updated the Recreation Commission on the playoffs for the winter teams and was expecting all the teams to make the playoffs.

**PERSONNEL ISSUES (closed session)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed session)**

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:14pm**

Kerry Chandler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mike Cecil. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Kevin Delia